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C O N F I D E N T I A L BUDAPEST 3414

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: CHILEAN "REFUGEES" SEEK REFUGE

1. SOME THIRTY OR MORE CHILEAN "REFUGEES" (MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN) NOW RESIDENT IN HUNGARY INVADED SWISS EMBASSY BUDAPEST JUST BEFORE NOON OCTOBER 17 AND DEMANDED ASYLUM IN SWITZERLAND. THEY CHARGED THAT HERE IN "SOCIALIST WORLD" GOH TREATS THEM LIKE CATTLE, DENIES THEM OPPORTUNITY TO MOVE ABOUT FREELY AND HAS FAILED TOTALLY TO PROVIDE THEM WITH JOBS AND NECESSITIES OF LIFE. THEY ALSO SAID THEY FEARED "OTHER CHILEANS" AND TH T GOH PROVIDED NO PROTECTION. WHETHER CHILEANS SEIZED SWISS EMBASSY OR SIMPLY STAGED SIT-IN IS MOOT POINT. SOME OF THEM CARRIED HAND GUNS. AT ANY RATE THEY DISRUPTED CLOCK-LIKE PRECISION OF WORK OF SWISS DIPLOMATS AND THREW CHARGE DIETSCHI INTO TIZZY.

2. AFTER SEVERAL HOURS OF DISCUSSION WITH REFUGEES, CHARGE TELEPHONED ST. TROPEZ TO SEEK GUIDANCE FROM VACATIONING AMBASSADOR STOUDEMANN WHO IMMEDIATELY REFERRED MATTER TO BERN. AS RESULT SERIES TELEPHONE
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CONVER ATIONS BETWEEN BUDAPEST AND BERN DURING NIGHT

OCTOBER 17-OCTOBER 18, SWISS GOVERNMENT REFUSED TO COMPLY WITH DEMAND THAT VISAS BE ISSUED TO GROUP AND INSTRUCTED CHARGE TO REQUEST GOH TO BRING HUNGARIAN POLICE INTO CHANCERY AND REMOVE "TRESPASSERS." AND AT 4:00 AM OCTOBER 18 CHILEAN REFUGEES WERE WITHOUT VIOLENCE HERDED ABOARD HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT BUS AND THEY VANISHED INTO THE NIGHT.

3. SWISS DIPLOMATS HERE ARE EMBARRASSED AND TONGUE-TIED. SWEDES, WHOSE CHANCERY AND RESIDENCE ARE IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO THOSE OF SWISS, ARE APPREHENSIVE THAT THEIR EMBASSY MAY BECOME TARGET OF SIMILAR INVASION. SEVERAL NATO ALLIES HAVE INFORMALLY AND IN WIDE-EYED INNOCENCE ASKED MTI (HUNGARIAN NEWS SERVICE) AND MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO CONFIRM OR DENY RUMORS OF UNUSUAL EVENTS AT SWISS EMBASSY ON OCTOBER 17. HUNGARIANS REFUSE TO CONFIRM OR DENY ANYTHING; AND HUNGARIAN NEWS MEDIA HAVE CHOSEN TO SAY NOTHING.

4. THIS EMBASSY HAS LODGED NO INQUIRIES ANYWHERE AND INTENDS TO CONTINUE TO APPEAR TO REMAIN TOTALLY OBLIVIOUS OF THE INCIDENT.

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